

classes of British immigrants, *viz.*:—(a) married agriculturists and their families and single farm labourers; (b) houseworkers; (c) juvenile immigrants. The assistance to juvenile immigrants is limited to those between 14 and 17 years of age. All loans are for third class ocean and colonist rail transportation, repayable without interest. To provide additional encouragement to women to take work in farm homes, a refund of £6 is made in the case of a woman who takes such employment, remains there for at least a year and in the meantime repays the balance of her loan. One feature of the Empire Settlement Agreement provides for nomination in Canada, so that any British subject resident in Canada may nominate a relative, friend or acquaintance who on arrival will be engaged in farming or in housework. The nominator in such a case assumes joint responsibility with the nominee for repayment of the loan. Houseworkers are expected to begin repayment of passage loan at the end of a month, single farm workers at the end of three months and married men with families at the end of six months. Houseworkers and farm labourers are expected to repay the loan within a year and married people may be allowed a maximum of three years.

To promote the better functioning of colonization activities in Canada and the proper reception of new settlers, the machinery of the Soldier Settlement Board is now utilized as the Land Settlement Branch of the Department of Immigration and Colonization. It is the function of this Branch to see that new settlers are directed to lands where they can have the best opportunities of success and to safeguard them from exploitation in the purchase price of their farms. The Land Settlement Branch is assisted, in each of its districts, by advisory settlement boards, composed of outstanding mortgage and loan men and agriculturists, who pass on the suitability of the land and the fairness of the purchase price of all privately owned lands listed with the Branch. The settlement of family units and of groups of former acquaintances or kinsfolk is particularly encouraged.

Still more recently, provision has been made by arrangement with the British Government for assisting selected British families to locate on farms in Canada, in addition to the passage assistance already outlined. This assistance is advanced by the British Government up to a maximum of £300 per family, and is repayable over a period of 25 years with interest at 5 p.c. per annum. The families must be personally selected, must be approved by both British and Canadian authorities, and must have demonstrated their ability to operate a farm. Settlement is made under the direction of the Land Settlement Branch on farms owned by the Government or acquired for that purpose. Payment of the purchase price of the farm is extended over 25 years with interest at 5 p.c. per annum. Under this arrangement it is expected that 3,000 British families will be transplanted to Canada in 3 years. The movement of the first season amounted to approximately 500 families. The interest in the success of these and their letters to friends at home may be expected to increase the movement for the second and third years.